

United States District Court
STATE AND DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

V.

CHAUN LAMAR JOHNSON

CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

Case Number:

MS 10 521 JSM

I, the undersigned complainant, being duly sworn, state the following is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. On or about December 1, 2010, in Hennepin County, in the State and District of Minnesota, defendant knowingly and intentionally possessed with intent to distribute 28 grams or more of a mixture and substance containing cocaine base or "crack,"

in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section(s) 841(a)(1) & (b)(1)(B).

I further state that I am a(n) DEA Task Force Officer and that this complaint is based on the following facts:

SEE ATTACHED AFFIDAVIT

Continued on the attached sheet and made a part hereof: ☒ Yes ☐ No

Sworn to before me, and subscribed in my presence,

Date

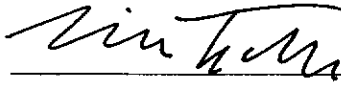
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The Honorable Janie S. Mayeron
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

Name & Title of Judicial Officer

at

St. Paul, MN

City and State


Signature of Complainant
Nicholas G. Tegdesch
TFO DEA


Signature of Judicial Officer

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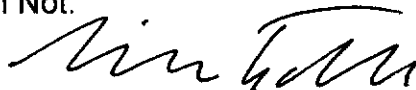
STATE OF MINNESOTA)
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COUNTY OF RAMSEY)

ss. AFFIDAVIT OF NICHOLAS G. TEGDESCH

1. I am a licensed peace officer in the State of Minnesota and am presently employed by the Minnesota State Patrol ("MSP"). I have been a state trooper since March of 2004. As of February 2, 2010, I have been assigned as a Task Force Officer (TFO) with the United States Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA). I have a Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminal Justice from the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minnesota. I have received training and instruction in the investigation of narcotics at the local, state, and federal level. I have successfully completed the two-week DEA Basic Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Course (which includes courses in drug trafficking trends, interdiction investigations, basic asset forfeiture, financial investigations, undercover/surveillance operations, federal drug law, clan lab investigations, drug identification and pharmacology, informant management, raid and search warrant planning), the one-week Desert Snow criminal interdiction and vehicle searches course, a four-day course in commercial vehicle criminal/narcotic interdiction, and the MSP two-day course in narcotic interdiction and vehicle searches.
2. This Affidavit is submitted in support of a Complaint against Chaun Lamar Johnson charging him with possession with intent to distribute crack cocaine, in violation of 21 U.S.C. § § 841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1)(B). The facts set forth in this affidavit are based on information relayed to me by other law enforcement officers and my review of police reports. I was not present during the arrest of Johnson.
3. On December 1, 2010, a trooper with the Minnesota State Patrol stopped a vehicle in Hennepin County for moving and equipment violations.
4. Upon approaching the vehicle, the trooper identified the female driver as T. A. F. and observed that the front seat passenger, later identified as JOHNSON, was not wearing a seatbelt and would not make eye contact with him. The trooper requested JOHNSON's identification. JOHNSON stated he had no identification on him, and verbally identified himself as Chaun Lamar JACKSON, DOB 05-14-1979.
5. The trooper returned to his squad and ran a routine check on the name that JOHNSON had given him. That name came back not on file. At this point, the trooper believed that JOHNSON had given him a false name and DOB.
6. The trooper went back to the vehicle to try to identify JOHNSON using a portable fingerprint identification unit. As the trooper was speaking with JOHNSON, JOHNSON appeared nervous, would not make eye contact, and appeared to be hiding something. After obtaining JOHNSON's fingerprint, the trooper went back to his squad car to retrieve the results. The fingerprint unit was not working properly and, therefore, the trooper was not able to receive any information.

7. Another trooper arrived to assist the initiating trooper to try to fingerprint JOHNSON again. One of the troopers told JOHNSON to exit the vehicle. JOHNSON did not comply. One of the troopers opened the front passenger door and again told JOHNSON to exit the vehicle. When the trooper opened the door, the trooper could see two sandwich bags on the floor between the door and seat containing a substance he recognized, based on his training and experience, as crack cocaine. The trooper immediately ordered JOHNSON to the ground and handcuffed him. The troopers located a third sandwich bag containing the same substance as the first two in the front passenger door pocket.
8. The gross weight of the bags of suspected crack cocaine was 43.7 grams, 43.8 grams, and 57.8 grams, respectively. A sample from one of the bags tested positive for cocaine.
9. A trooper asked JOHNSON what he real name was. JOHNSON replied his name was Chaun Lamar JOHNSON. The troopers were able to identify JOHNSON by this name via a check of the Minnesota driver's license/identification card database. JOHNSON had a Minnesota Department of Corrections warrant for Felony DWI.
10. As JOHNSON was being escorted back to the initiating trooper's squad car, JOHNSON stated, not in response to a question, that the suspected crack cocaine belonged to him. The trooper did not ask JOHNSON any questions at the time of JOHNSON's statement. JOHNSON was then secured in the back of the initiating trooper's squad car.
11. As the initiating trooper was filling out paperwork in his squad car, JOHNSON voluntarily stated, again without being asked any questions, "It's mine, all that shit is mine man, I'm just saying it's all mine."
12. The trooper read the Miranda warning to JOHNSON. JOHNSON stated that he would like an attorney. Consequently, no interview was conducted.

Further Your Affiant Sayeth Not.



Nicholas G. Tegdesch
Task Force Officer
Drug Enforcement Administration

SUBSCRIBED and SWORN to Before Me

This 2d day of December, 2010


Janie S. Mayeron
United States Magistrate Judge